

5 MAR 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Review of Department of State and United States
Information Agency Language Policy

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 30 Jan 64; sbj: OTR Briefing -- Language
and Area School on 30 January 1964

1. A recommendation for the approval of the Deputy Director for Support is contained in paragraph 4 of this memorandum.

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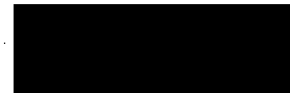
3. The Department of State and the U. S. Information Agency are attempting to implement a policy that has been urged upon this Agency in the past by both the Inspector General and the Director of Training. They are identifying the Language requirements of each position at every foreign post with the objective of staffing those positions with incumbents possessing the required language ability. If firmly administered, such a policy would ensure the efficient utilization of existing language capabilities and could have far reaching effects on the overall language competence of an organization.

4. Although past experience offers little encouragement I am willing to make another effort to seek a firmer language policy for CIA and to this end I recommend:

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a. That I convene the Committee for Language Development to review the language policy of this Agency in the light of the newly adopted policies of the Department of State and the U. S. Information Agency and to recommend such changes as are deemed necessary in our own policy.

b. That failing to secure a clear and unambiguous policy through the Committee that I, as Director of Training, prepare my own recommendations for such a policy and submit them through appropriate channels but without recourse to the Committee.



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MATTHEW BAIRD
Director of Training

Attachment

The recommendation in paragraph 4 is approved:

Deputy Director for Support

Date

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1. Chief, OPSER
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Attached is a report and recommendations from the Deputy Chief, Language Training and the Director of Training regarding language training especially as it relates to the Department of State program. I have discussed this with [REDACTED] who suggested that these papers be presented to your office for a response as to how we should proceed. Bill and I doubt that the Committee for Language Development is a good forum in which to tackle this problem which mainly affects the Clandestine Services and

We will appreciate your consideration of these papers and the manner in which we might proceed to tackle the problem.

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Atts:

Memo dtd 3 Mar 64 to DD/S fr DTR
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